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FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, RO

SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROL CASE FOR ROM-CDC DISC DRIVES

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE  
GOR OFFICIALS THAT THE USG IS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO  
CONSIDER FAVORABLY THE ROM-CDC REQUEST TO ATTACH 60 MEGABYTE  
DISC DRIVES TO THE FELIX C-512 COMPUTER FOR USE WITHIN  
ROMANIA UNDER THE CONDITIONS NOW OBTAINING FOR THE FELIX  
C-256. IN ADDITION THE USG IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER  
FAVORABLY THE SALE OF THESE DRIVES OUTSIDE OF ROMANIA TO  
SUPPORT COMPUTER SYSTEMS NOT LARGER THAN THE FELIX C-512.  
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2. THE USG WILL NEED TO DISCUSS THIS POSITION WITH MEMBERS  
OF COCOM AND SEEK THEIR CONCURRENCE. WHILE IT MAY TAKE  
SOME TIME TO GAIN THIS CONCURRENCE, WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE  
FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. THE GOR SHOULD BE ASKED TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING THIS

INFORMATION PUBLIC UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COCOM APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

4. FYI:

-- CONTROL DATA-ROMANIA IS A JOINT VENTURE MAKING 60 MEGABYTE

DISC DRIVES FOR COMPUTERS.

-- IT IS NOW LICENSED TO SELL THESE DRIVES ONLY IN ROMANIA TO A PREVIOUSLY U.S. APPROVED LIST OF END-USERS AND FOR SPECIFICALLY LIMITED SYSTEMS, THE LARGEST OF WHICH IS THE ROMANIAN FELIX C-256 COMPUTER.

-- ROMANIA WANTS TWO THINGS: (1) PERMISSION TO HOOK THESE DRIVES UP TO THE LARGER FELIX C-512 AND (2) FREEDOM TO SELL THESE DRIVES OUTSIDE OF ROMANIA.

-- THE U.S. HAS A LIST REVIEW PROPOSAL NOW IN COCOM WHICH, IF OUR ALLIES APPROVE, WOULD GRANT BOTH OF THESE REQUESTS BUT WOULD NOT ALLOW THESE DRIVES TO BE HOOKED UP TO A STILL LARGER SOVIET COMPUTER, THE RIAD 1040.

-- THIS LIST REVIEW IS SCHEDULED TO BE TAKEN UP IN COCOM IN THE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER.

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-- ALTHOUGH FORMAL RELAXATION WILL NOT OCCUR FOR A YEAR, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO BEGIN APPROVING AND TO ASK COCOM CONCURRENCE FOR SUCH SHIPMENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS SOON AS IT CAN BE DETERMINED THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL HAS BEEN FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY OUR ALLIES. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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